



# Parkview Press for the Little Ones

## A message to our new students....

I would like to welcome all of our new Kindergarteners to Parkview Elementary. My name is Kim Caudell, Mrs. C. to all the students and I am the principal of our school.

This year, I will be starting my fourth year as a principal here at Parkview and I enjoy every minute of my job. Before that, I was a teacher at Washington Elementary for seventeen years. I taught fifth, first, second, and Title One. I even was a principal there filling in for a sick principal a couple of times.

I have two daughters, both students at CMU. I also

went to CMU where I met my husband, Kelvin. Both of my daughters graduated from Charlotte and come back often to cheer on the Orioles. I also have a masters degree from MSU and I am now working on another at CMU.

I know you will love coming to school for the very first time, but it can be a little scary, too. But that is alright. Everyone here at Parkview is very friendly and you can ask them questions. Anyone wearing a Parkview nametag can help you get to your classroom and our older students are also very helpful.

I cannot wait to meet all of you and your parents. You are going to have so much fun learning and making new friends. I know your teachers can't wait to meet you, too. They have already been working in their classrooms to surprise you with lots of fun things to do.



Let's go mom and dad.  
It's time for school!

### Parkview Elementary

August 18, 2008

### IT IS ALMOST TIME!

#### Special Dates:

- ☺ Kindergarten Information Session- Wednesday, August 27th at 5:30 in Media Center
- ☺ Open House-Wednesday, August 27th-6:00-7:00
- ☺ First Day of School- Tuesday, September 2nd
- ☺ Frontier's Day Wear-Friday, September 5th
- ☺ School Pictures Thursday, September 11th

Information is coming...

In the next few weeks, you will receive a lot of information about our school and the policies we have. I hope you will take the time to become familiar with our school and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.



## Kindergarten Information Session and Open House

On Wednesday, August 27th, I would like to meet with all Kindergarten parents and students who can attend in the Media Center here at Parkview at 5:30 to answer questions you may have about school.

At this time, I will give you an overview of the bus/pick up schedules, pick up doors, security, lunch and breakfast programs. I also will answer any other questions you may have. At 6:00, you may visit your child's

classroom, tour the building, and meet your child's teacher. I hope you will find this information helpful as your child becomes a student here at Parkview.

# The Big Day

The Big Day is right around the corner! To help your child ease into the thought of coming to school, start now preparing him. The following are a few suggestions that may help:

- Tell your child in advance that he or she soon will be going to school.
- Be positive and reassure your child that school is a good place.
- Never use school as a threat or a means to change your child's behavior.
- Prepare for new school experiences by using puppets or by role-playing some enjoyable school activities.
- Read age-appropriate books about going to school to help your child know what to expect. Or work with your child to make a storybook about going to school.
- Prepare the night before by planning meals, clothes and transportation.
- Let your child bring a security object to school, like a stuffed toy, or give your child your photo to keep in his backpack.
- Visit your child's school during the Open House to meet his teacher.
- Play on the school playground before school starts.
- Start setting a routine now. Go to bed earlier everyday to help your child ease into the routine of getting ready for school.

Don't be too concerned if, in spite of your best efforts, your child cries and refuses to leave your side the first day of school while another youngster dismisses his or her parent with a wave of the lunch box. Clinging and crying are healthy coping mechanisms in very young children, so try not to overreact. Reassure your child that you will see him when school is over and that you can't wait to hear about his day. Your child's teacher will encourage your child to come into the classroom and this is the time when you give him a good-bye kiss and leave quickly. If your child sees you are alright with him staying at school, he will be alright, too. This can very hard, but your child's teacher is a veteran and reassure your child that you will come back. Once your child is engaged in the school day, he will feel comfortable and be on the road to a great school year.

If you have a question about bus transportation, please call 543-3400 for information.

A message from Parkview Staff.....

## The First Day

I gave you a little wink and smile  
As you entered my room today.  
For I know how hard it is to leave  
And know your child must stay.  
You've been with him for five years now  
And have been a loving guide,  
But now, alas, the time has come  
To leave him at my side.  
Just know that as you drive away  
And tears down your cheeks may flow  
I'll love him as I would my own  
And help him learn and grow.  
For as a parent, I too know  
How quickly the years do pass  
And that one day soon it will be my turn  
To take my child to class  
So please put your mind at ease  
And cry those tears no more  
For I will love him and take him in  
When you leave him at my door.

What Does My Child Need to Bring to School....

\*\*A good sturdy backpack with your child's name clearly printed on it.

\*\*Bus tag pinned to my shirt for the first couple of weeks of school.

\*\*A coat or sweater if needed with my name on it.

\*\*That's all for right now until you hear from your child's teacher.



Mrs. Shoup and Mrs. Davy are our office helpers. They can assist you at 541-5780 with your questions.